

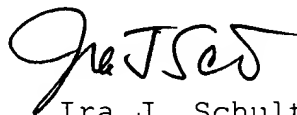
REMARKS

Responsive to the restriction requirement mailed December 31, 2001, Applicants elect species (b), without traverse, for prosecution in this application, should no generic claim be found to be allowable.

Claim 70 has been added to the application. Claim 70 is submitted to be a generic claim, directed to a method of improving dermis-epidermis cohesion.

Further action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ira J. Schultz', is positioned above the printed name.

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